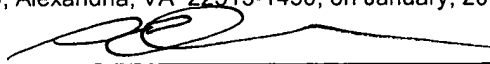




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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Sundar Narayanan	)	
Serial No.: 09/753,011	)	
Filing Date: January 2, 2001	)	Examiner: James M. Mitchell
Title: METHOD OF MAKING UNIFORM OXIDE LAYER	)	Group Art Unit No.: 2827

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of September 22, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following remarks.